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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.49 million head on July 1, 2002. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2001 but 1 percent above July 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 11 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.64 million, 16 percent below 2001 and 1 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.59 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 341,000, 600-699 pounds were 356,000, 700-799 pounds were 513,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 434,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.08 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 51,000 during June, 34 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT: Cattle on feed July 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.06 million, down 4 percent from the previous year but 1 percent above July 1, 2000. The inventory included 5.54 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.47 million head, down 11 percent from 2001. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.42 million, 16 percent below 2001 but 1 percent above 2000. Marketings during June totaled 1.77 million, 3 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during June was 42,000 head, 30 percent below 2001 but up 14 percent from 2000. The 7 States include AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

MINK PELT PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

Pennsylvania mink pelt production in 2001 totaled 74,900 pelts, up 10 percent from 2000. Average prices for mink pelts produced in Pennsylvania are not available. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2002 totaled 14,600, down 21 percent from the previous year. Thirty-seven percent of the females bred to produce kits are of the gunmetal color class.

United States' mink pelt production in 2001 totaled 2.57 million pelts, down 4 percent from 2000. Wisconsin, the major mink producing state, produced 672,000 pelts. Mink pelts produced during the 2001 crop year were valued at \$85.9 million dollars, compared with \$90.6 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2001 crop year was \$33.50, down from \$34.00 in 2000. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2002 totaled 620,500, down 1 percent from the previous year. There were 324 mink farms producing pelts in 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago. Leading states were Utah with 80 farms, Wisconsin with 65 farms, and Minnesota with 36.

JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2002, totaled 105.2 million head, 1 percent below the 105.8 million on July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below the 106.3 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.9 million, were slightly below the 43.0 million on July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below the 43.2 million two years ago.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.8 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2001 and 1 percent below two years ago.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2001 but were down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2002, and the changes from July 1, 2001, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, down 1 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.6 million, unchanged.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.9 million, down 4 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 29.5 million, down 1 percent.
- **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.4 million, down 5 percent.

The 2002 calf crop is expected to be 38.4 million, up slightly from 2001 but down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.0 million, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, JULY 2002

| Commodity | Unit | Pennsylvania | | | United States | | |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|
| | | Jul 2001 | Jun 2002 | Jul 2002 ¹ | Jul 2001 | Jun 2002 | Jul 2002 ¹ |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| Corn | Bu. | 2.38 | 2.48 | 2.68 | 1.87 | 1.97 | 2.07 |
| Wheat, winter ² | Bu. | - | - | - | 2.61 | 2.91 | 3.18 |
| Oats | Bu. | 1.46 | ⁵ | ⁵ | 1.33 | 1.95 | 1.79 |
| Barley ² | Bu. | - | - | - | 2.00 | 2.09 | 2.07 |
| Hay, dry all | Ton | 107.00 | 120.00 | 118.00 | 96.30 | 95.80 | 93.60 |
| Dry Alfalfa | Ton | 119.00 | 140.00 | 139.00 | 105.00 | 102.00 | 102.00 |
| Dry Other | Ton | 96.00 | 107.00 | 105.00 | 72.50 | 73.20 | 72.20 |
| Apples, Fresh Use | Lb. | .210 | - | .220 | .152 | .220 | .206 |
| Potatoes | Cwt. | - | - | - | 6.46 | 9.95 | 11.40 |
| Cows, Slaughter | Cwt. | 45.20 | 42.40 | 39.20 | 42.90 | 39.30 | 37.70 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 74.00 | 64.50 | 63.30 | 75.00 | 67.00 | 66.10 |
| Calves | Cwt. | 116.00 | 118.00 | 112.00 | 108.00 | 94.80 | 93.20 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 48.10 | 33.20 | 35.80 | 52.30 | 36.60 | 39.10 |
| Sows | Cwt. | 40.00 | 18.90 | 17.40 | 40.80 | 21.10 | 20.40 |
| Eggs ³ | Doz. | .400 | .520 | .470 | .354 | .445 | .381 |
| Milk, Fluid Grade | Cwt. | 17.60 | 13.30 | - | 16.20 | 11.70 | 11.20 |
| Manufactured Grade | Cwt. | 15.40 | 10.20 | - | 14.90 | 10.30 | 9.90 |
| All | Cwt. | 17.60 | 13.30 | 12.90 | 16.20 | 11.60 | 11.20 |
| Milk Cows ⁴ | Head | 1,650.00 | - | 1,640.00 | 1,590.00 | - | 1,670.00 |

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., July, Oct.). ⁵ Insufficient data to establish price.

FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 2 POINTS FROM LAST MONTH

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July was 100, based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the June index. Higher prices for wheat, soybeans, hogs, and corn more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, eggs, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for grapes, wheat, tobacco, and tomatoes more than offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupe, potatoes, and asparagus.

The All Farm Products Index was 8 points (7.4 percent) below July last year. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and strawberries more than offset higher prices for wheat, corn, soybeans, and potatoes.

The Food Commodities Index increased by 1 point (1.0 percent) over last month to 98, but was 11 percent below July last year.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED

The July Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 123 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from June but 1 point (0.8 percent) below July 2001. Lower prices in July for LP gas, feeder pigs, and hay and forages were offset by higher prices for feeder cattle, feed concentrates, nitrogen fertilizers, and feed grains.

Feed: The Feed Index, at 112, was 1.8 percent more than June and 2.8 percent above last July. Since June, higher prices for feed concentrates, feed grains, complete feeds, and feed supplements more than offset lower prices for hay and forages.

Fuels: The Fuels Index, at 106, was down 0.9 percent from a month earlier and 7.8 percent below July 2001. Compared to last month, prices were lower for LP gas but higher for diesel fuel, and gasoline.

JULY 1, 2002, ALL SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY TOTALS 8.10 MILLION HEAD

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2002, totaled 8.10 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.78 million head on July 1, 2002, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.32 million head, were 2 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2002 breeding herd, 3.98 million head were ewes one year old and older, 185,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 615,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 2001 and July 2002 market lambs by weight groups:

| | July 2001 | July 2002 |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | |
| Under 65 Lbs. | 1,950 | 1,925 |
| 65 - 84 Lbs. | 700 | 690 |
| 85 - 105 Lbs. | 400 | 385 |
| Over 105 Lbs. | 280 | 250 |
| Total | 3,330 | 3,250 |

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.5 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 21.5 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 17.7 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.1 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 11.2 percent.

The 2002 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.31 million head, down 4 percent from the 2001 lamb crop of 4.50 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2002 totaled 3.84 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2002.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 30, 2002

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 862,000 bushels on June 30, 2002, compared to 547,000 bushels on June 30, 2001. The three varieties with the largest fresh market and processing reported stocks in bushels were: Red Delicious with 202,000; Golden Delicious with 185,000; and Rome with 167,000 bushels.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 36,157,000 pounds on June 30, 2002, compared to 22,805,000 pounds on June 30, 2001. There were no pear stocks reported in cold storage on June 30, 2002, the same as last year.

Nationally, frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on June 30, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, poultry, red meat, and beef. Cooler stocks of pecans were also above last year. Butter stocks were 8 percent above May 2002 and 59 percent above a year ago.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

| Commodity | Jun 30, 2001 | May 31, 2002 | Jun 30, 2002 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <i>1,000 Lbs.</i> | | |
| Butter | 153,486 | 226,849 | 244,364 |
| Cheese, Total Natural | 739,152 | 783,328 | 786,503 |
| Eggs, Frozen | 14,390 | 11,094 | 12,788 |
| Poultry, Total Frozen | 1,205,495 | 1,422,459 | 1,514,150 |
| Chicken | 690,134 | 835,883 | 854,873 |
| Turkeys | 506,691 | 578,912 | 651,801 |
| Fruits, Frozen | 1,046,360 | 783,685 | 891,275 |
| Fruit Juices, Frozen | 2,351,354 | 2,273,668 | 2,230,204 |
| Vegetables, Total Frozen | 1,388,356 | 1,377,502 | 1,352,733 |
| Potatoes, Total Frozen | 1,354,975 | 1,182,445 | 1,223,605 |
| Meats, Total Frozen | 742,173 | 969,371 | 909,597 |
| Beef, Total Frozen | 340,786 | 403,154 | 396,448 |
| Pork, Total Frozen | 374,109 | 543,529 | 489,949 |

PENNSYLVANIA APPLES IN COLD STORAGE, JUNE 30, 2002

| Variety | June 30, 2001 | | | | | June 30, 2002 | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|------|------------|------|-------|---------------------------|------|------------|------|-------|
| | Fresh Market ¹ | | Processing | | Total | Fresh Market ¹ | | Processing | | Total |
| | Reg. | C.A. | Reg. | C.A. | | Reg. | C.A. | Reg. | C.A. | |
| | 1,000 Bushels | | | | | | | | | |
| York | 0 | 0 | 0 | 118 | 118 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 142 | 142 |
| Stayman | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 36 |
| Rome | 0 | 22 | 0 | 151 | 173 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 147 | 167 |
| Red Delicious | 1 | 83 | 0 | 38 | 122 | 0 | 118 | 0 | 84 | 202 |
| Golden Delicious | 0 | 5 | 0 | 71 | 76 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 172 | 185 |
| Jonathan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McIntosh | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cortland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other ² | 2 | 15 | 0 | 31 | 48 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 117 | 130 |
| Total | 4 | 129 | 0 | 414 | 547 | 2 | 167 | 0 | 693 | 862 |

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified. ² Includes miscellaneous varieties and some quantities of above varieties not identified.

**UNITED STATES: MONTHLY FARROWINGS - NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP;
MONTHLY SOWS AND GILTS - INVENTORY AND NUMBER BRED ¹**

| Month | Sows Farrowing | | Pigs per Litter | | Pig Crop | | Sows and Gilts | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|----------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | | | | | Inventory 1 st of Month | | Bred during Month | |
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | <i>1,000</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| December ² | 901 | 924 | 8.66 | 8.66 | 7,803 | 8,005 | 6,090 | 6,031 | 1,185 | 1,189 |
| January | 906 | 943 | 8.71 | 8.71 | 7,887 | 8,214 | 6,030 | 6,022 | 1,169 | 1,190 |
| February | 941 | 965 | 8.79 | 8.80 | 8,273 | 8,492 | 6,031 | 6,020 | 1,142 | 1,158 |
| March | 959 | 978 | 8.87 | 8.80 | 8,503 | 8,605 | 6,053 | 6,075 | 1,175 | 1,181 |
| April | 953 | 973 | 8.90 | 8.83 | 8,481 | 8,595 | 5,987 | 5,980 | 1,170 | 1,176 |
| May | 958 | 982 | 8.90 | 8.81 | 8,525 | 8,651 | 5,974 | 5,985 | 1,165 | 1,190 |
| June | 963 | 976 | 8.85 | 8.87 | 8,526 | 8,657 | 6,001 | 6,030 | 1,197 | 1,192 |
| July | 961 | | 8.87 | | 8,522 | | 5,955 | 5,975 | 1,155 | |
| August | 954 | | 8.90 | | 8,491 | | 5,955 | | 1,133 | |
| September | 966 | | 8.78 | | 8,481 | | 5,975 | | 1,171 | |
| October | 963 | | 8.85 | | 8,523 | | 5,990 | | 1,197 | |
| November | 960 | | 8.84 | | 8,488 | | 5,968 | | 1,200 | |
| Total | 11,385 | | 8.83 | | 100,503 | | | | | |

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding. ² December preceding year.

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

| Item | Unit | Pennsylvania | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | Jun 2001 | May 2002 | Jun 2002 | Jun 2001 | May 2002 | Jun 2002 |
| Layers | Thous. | 24,200 | 23,450 | 23,466 | 332,920 | 334,857 | 335,025 |
| Eggs Per 100 Layers | Number | 2,236 | 2,375 | 2,301 | 2,100 | 2,172 | 2,124 |
| Eggs Produced | Million | 541 | 557 | 540 | 6,992 | 7,273 | 7,115 |
| Chick Hatch-Egg Type | Thous. | 6,206 | 4,200 | 4,884 | 40,806 | 38,944 | 35,292 |
| Chick Hatch-Broiler Type | Thous. | 12,937 | 13,366 | 13,394 | 766,534 | 798,315 | 776,397 |
| Poults Placed | Thous. | - | - | - | 26,121 | 25,551 | 24,409 |

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during June 2002 totaled 540 million eggs, down slightly from the 541 million eggs produced in June 2001. The total number of layers on hand averaged 23.5 million during the month, down 3 percent from June 2001. Production per 100 layers was 2301 eggs during the month, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2002 totaled 4.9 million, 21 percent less than the 6.2 million hatched the previous June. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 13.4 million during June 2002, up 4 percent from the previous year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.12 billion during June 2002, up 2 percent from the corresponding month a year ago. The total number of layers during June averaged 335 million, up 1 percent from the number of layers a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,124 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,100 eggs in June 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June totaled 35.3 million, 14 percent below the June 2001 total. Broiler-type hatch, at 776 million, was up 1 percent from June of the previous year. There were 24.4 million turkey poults placed in the United States during June 2002, down 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, JUN 2002

| Specie | Unit | Pennsylvania | United States |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Red Meat Prod. | Mil. Lbs. | 96.7 | 3,812 |
| Cattle | Thous. Hd. | 83.0 | 3,063 |
| | Mil. Lbs. Live | 105.7 | 3,785 |
| Calves | Thous. Hd. | 14.4 | 76 |
| | Mil. Lbs. Live | 5.1 | 24 |
| Hogs | Thous. Hd. | 194.6 | 7,536 |
| | Mil. Lbs. Live | 47.1 | 1,997 |
| Sheep & Lambs | Thous. Hd. | 4.6 | 230 |
| | Mil. Lbs. Live | .5 | 30 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat production in the state during June 2002 totaled 96.7 million pounds, dressed weight basis, up 4 percent from June 2001. Beef production, at 105.7 million pounds live weight, was up 12 percent from June 2001. Total head slaughtered was 83,000, up 9 percent; and live weight averaged 1,274 pounds, an increase of 33 pounds compared to one year ago. Veal production was 5.14 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent. Calf slaughter of 14,400 head was up 8 percent, and average live weight decreased 33 pounds to 358 pounds. Pork production was 47.1 million pounds live weight, down 6 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 194,600, down 4 percent. Average live weight was 242 pounds, down 7 pounds compared to June 2001. Lamb and mutton production was 451,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from June 2001. The number slaughtered was 4,600, down 8 percent. Average live weight was 98 pounds, down 6 pounds from last year.

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